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TAGS: PFOR, CASC, AR (LOPEZ, GWENDA LOKEN)

SUBJECT: W/W: ARREST OF GWENDA LOKEN LOPEZ

REF: BUENOS AIRES 5344

1. REFTEL RECOMMENDED THAT DEPARTMENT RAISE ISSUE OF SPEEDY CONCLUSION OF MRS. LOPEZ' TRIAL WITH ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR. WHILE THIS WAS DONE INFORMALLY WITH AMBASSADOR MUSICH ON AUGUST 16, DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT MORE FORMAL REPRESENTATIONS ARE IN ORDER. ACCORDINGLY, AMBASSADOR OR CHARGE IS REQUESTED TO RAISE LOPEZ CASE WITH APPROPRIATE ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES WITH THE AIM OF ACHIEVING PROMPT COMPLIANCE WITH THE DEPORTATION ORDER ISSUED ON JUNE 15. ARA WILL FOLLOW UP WITH AMBASSADOR MUSICH AFTER EMBASSY DEMARCHE.

2. DEPARTMENT IS PROMPTED TO TAKE THIS ACTION BECAUSE OF THE UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES IN MRS. LOPEZ' CASE. IN ADDITION TO ALLEGATIONS OF TORTURE MRS. LOPEZ HAS MADE,  
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A DEPORTATION ORDER WAS ISSUED AGAINST HER BUT NOT

EXECUTED. INSTEAD SHE WAS HELD INCOMMUNICADO, APPARENTLY  
BETWEEN JULY 21 AND AUGUST 4. FURTHERMORE, RIGHT WING  
POLITICAL CLIMATE APPEARS TO BE MAKING IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR  
MRS. LOPEZ TO OBTAIN LEGAL COUNSEL.

3. EMBASSY IS BEST JUDGE OF WHAT POINTS SHOULD BE MADE  
TO GOA. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO NOTE THAT SO FAR THERE  
HAS BEEN LITTLE PRESS COVERAGE OF THIS CASE BUT THAT  
CONSIDERABLE CONGRESSIONAL AND PUBLIC INTEREST IN THE  
UNITED STATES COULD DEVELOP. KISSINGER

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